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DAVE MARASH: New testimony on Capitol Hill says the CIA illegally opened and inspected mail between the United States and Communist countries for twenty years. The former agent in charge of the operation told a House subcommittee the Post Office cooperated, but Chief Postal Inspector William Cotter testified that he had brought a halt to the letter opening in 1973. Which is also the year that ABC News claims the internal Revenue Service stopped keeping files on what the Nixon Administration considered radicals and extremists. The report says performers Jony Randall and Julie Andrews, of all people, were on the list, along with several groups, including the National Organization of Women and the United Jewish Appeal.